

Sullied House dignity

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Members of Parliament unanimously voted to deny Alexan Kulbashian and Paul Fromm use of the Charles Lynch Press Theatre, on Parliament Hill, to hold a press conference ("Ban raises freedom of speech questions," Oct. 19). Our MPs say the ban will "preserve the dignity and integrity of the House."

I would say that by employing prior restraint to silence a person, our MPs sullied whatever dignity and integrity the House of Commons might have had. Don't our MPs understand? Censorship, suppression, and repression are neither ethically sound nor effective tools in our pursuit of justice and equality.